

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>
Subject: Address for xcelite
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9509251709.A21100-0100000@netcom13>

Gang,

I need to order a part for a hex driver set I have. Does anyone have an address for Xcelite?

73

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: FRANCIS4@AppleLink.Apple.COM (Francis, Dexter)
Subject: BA gear available...
Message-ID: <812140271.5135279@AppleLink.Apple.COM>

Greetings all -

I also called about the Collins Pocket Guide and discovered that there is some BA gear available. These are being sold by the wife of an OM who recently had a severe stroke and isn't able to continue the hobby. Bob is acting to help this lady transact the sale. (I believe there is some room to haggle on these prices.)

The following may be of interest to the group:

Hamarlund SuperPro & Power Suppply (in a blonde cabinet, I believe) - \$275
National NC-240D - \$250
Stromberg Carlson CT 46217 - \$100
Bendix BC 639A - w/PS - \$100
RCA BC 348-0 ("very clean") - \$100

Bob can be reached at (800) 233-0484

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: w0ogh@ix.netcom.com (Larry Godek)
Subject: re:BA prices
Message-ID: <199509262151.0AA26151@ix6.ix.netcom.com>

I remember Leo's ads in Qst as well as other dealers stating how much down and how much a month for a piece of gear. I wanted to buy a Heath AR-2 so bad but my grandpa only thought about me working the farm. Sez " you don't need no radio to earn food for the table". If I recall, about anything in the way of ham gear was available for "\$5 down and \$5 a month". Well, close anyway.

Was I deprived? I still love the ol guy even tho he's gone.

Larry

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: pmills@cyberhouse.com (Phil Mills)
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <199509260100.UAA28669@ns.cyberhouse.com>

>I just had a conversation with the lady at "Sound Impressions", the
>outfit that is selling that Collins pocket manual, She says that
>Japaneese investors are buying our BA's by the boat load.
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> Steve
>n4lq@iglou.com
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Steve, I suspect that it is Japanese hams buying the Collins gear by the boatload....there was a mention in a CQ article a couple of months ago about an outfit in NY that had 75A-4's "stacked to the ceiling" and they were shipping a lot of stuff to Japan. I've also encountered a local incident where an overpriced KWS-1 that I looked at appears to be headed that way.

thanks,
Phil Mills, AB5TH
pmills@cyberhouse.com
713-482-2763

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9509251847.A7745-0100000@netcom10>

> I just had a conversation with the lady at "Sound Impressions", the

> outfit that is selling that Collins pocket manual, She says that
> Japanese investors are buying our BA's by the boat load.
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Steve and gang,
Of course, the overseas investors are buying our BAs. You don't think
they'd get caught operating an Icom or Yaesu, do you?? They're smart.
They buy quality. They buy American. :-)

73

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Steve Ellington <n4lq@iglou.com>
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.950925225922.28042A-100000@iglou>

OK ...So are the Japs just collecting this stuff for investments or are
they really going to use it? I'm sure they could copy-cat a 75A4 if for
some reason they wanted tube type rigs. Perhaps all the Rice Boxes are
set to self destruct in 2001 and only the Japs will be left with radios....

Steve
n4lq@iglou.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Andy Wallace <wallace@mc.com>
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <9509260357.AA07231@kali>

I think the biggest monkey-wrench in the "rules of thumb"
might be that using a credit card is much more common today than
it was in the Fifties.

I think that's also why some things -- houses, cars, big ham
rigs -- cost so much today: you pay in installments and it
doesn't hurt so much.

I didn't live in the Fifties so I can't comment on whether 75A-4s
were regularly sold in installments. I see some old QST ads reflecting
some ham stores with credit plans, though. But I think the fellow
walking into H.R.O. and buying an FT-1000D with a roll of \$100 bills
is a rarity. He probably plunks down his Debtscopy Card.

Maybe a better comparison might be how much it costs for a meal in a diner?

--Andy

(Wish there were more BA diners around, too!)

wallace@mc.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Henry van Cleef <vancleef@bga.com>
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <199509260429.XAA01343@zoom.bga.com>

As Daniel Wright said

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> was wonderin' if any of you econ-type folks could give me an idea of what
> to multiply say,1965 prices by to translate the gear costs into 1995 dollars?

The first problem to deal with is that electronics aren't made by the same processes used in the '50's.

To get at some numbers, the cost of "touch labor" to wire and assemble electronics was around \$3.00 an hour in the late fifties. That is a wage of around \$1.50, with fringes, hidden taxes, overhead, and general-and-administrative costs thrown in. 1995 labor would probably receive around \$7.00/hr. and the multiplication factor is higher today---somewhere between 2.5 and 3.0. Assume labor is \$20/hr. Assume that the equipment is being wired and assembled by 1955 methods---100% hand assembly, no etched boards, etc.

Component costs on the other hand can assume some productivity increase due to automation. Assume that the set being built uses modern resistors and capacitors. In large quantities, these run about three times what they cost in the late fifties.

The manufacturing cost of electronics, in 1950's terms, can be assumed to be about 2/3rd's labor and 1/3rd components. This ratio has probably moved toward 3/4 and 1/4. The final ratio would come out somewhere around 5:1 to 6:1.

To take a piece of equipment that was well-built to begin with, a Tektronix 545 oscilloscope, without plug-ins, sold for \$1550 for several years. Using factors of 5 and 6, today's price would be between \$8K and \$9K, to narrow it down a bit. But to put that in perspective, \$1550 bought a one-year-old Chevrolet in 1960, and \$8K won't buy much in the way of a late model used car these days.

Another benchmark is the cost of a Beech Bonanza airplane, although the current "Bonanza" is not quite the same as a 1960 version. The M35 sold for about \$25K. I don't know for sure what the current 33 is selling for, but I think it is about \$150K if you take out the electronics packages to make it more equivalent to the 1960 airplane.

For 1948 prices, I think a factor of 10 would be closer. That makes the \$198.50 RME-45 radio a \$1985.00 radio today, and my gut feel, after having spent enough time with one to have a feel for its labor and component content is that this is about right.

I also think that where this would be most apparent would be in the low end stuff, like the AA5 radios. A plain jane consumer set that sold for around \$25 in 1955 probably could not come to market profitably for much under \$200. If you consider four hours of assembly and test at \$20/hr., plus \$20 worth of components at quantity prices, and allow 100% markup through the retail channels (a typical number between factory and consumer), you have your \$200 AA5.

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Hank van Cleef vancleef@bga.com vancleef@tmn.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: bill@texan.frco.com (William Hawkins)
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <9509260450.AA06620@texan.frco.com>

Speaking of high prices, my subscription to Ham Trader Yellow Sheets is about to run out. I'm thinking about letting it do just that. It is very rare to see something with a reasonable price. And, there are ever escalating adjectives for "mint." If mint means "as new in an unopened box", then absolute mint must mean "unopened box still on the factory floor, never been in a truck" - *not*. If you have any comments on the Tuckerizing of equipment prices, please email to me, and I'll summarize for the list, because this is off-topic.

As to the Japanese influence on BA prices, that nation has some wealthy people who appreciate quality, and collect it wherever they can. More likely, in 2001 the Japanese stock market will crash, and we will have the opportunity to buy the BA's back. Personally, I'm more worried about our rich rock 'musicians' and their effect on tube prices. Now there's a spotters guide for BA's arranged by tube type.

Um, wait, maybe "mint" means "smells like mint after being sprayed with silicon based furniture polish / hair spray" :-)

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: "Clarke, Tom" <TCLARKE@ist.ucf.edu>
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Message-ID: <3067ECA5@ist_smtp.ist.ucf.edu>

My personal "rule of thumb" multiplier is derived from paper back books which are the items whose prices I was first aware of. I remember cheap novels at \$.25, more serious at \$.35 and scholarly stuff at \$.50. Today most paperbacks start at \$4.95 so the rule of thumb is probably 15-20 for books.

Of course books are much thicker today, but that may not be an advantage.

Tom Clarke, KE4VFH

P.S. To Paul, K4MSG - are you an amateur astronomer? Send me your e-mail address this &*&^% MS mail reader strips off all the header info. tclarke@admin.ist.ucf.edu

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From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9509260600.A4760-01000000@netcom8>

Hank and friends,

That's why Heathkit and Knight were so popular. They could just package up the parts and sell that. YOU put in the labor to construct the radio. That made ham gear affordable to those of us who's main source of income were paper routes. :-)
I still think that there's a market for kit ham rigs today.

73

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995

From: Neal McEwen <nmcewen@metronet.com>
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <199509261745.AA13105@metronet.com>

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> were regularly sold in installments. I see some old QST ads reflecting
> some ham stores with credit plans, though. But I think the fellow

In 1959 or 60 I ordered a new Hallicrafters receiver from Lafayette Radio.
They let me pay \$13.99 a month for it. That was just about all I cleared
from my paper route !!! Yes, they even gave credit to teenagers.

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73 de K5RW - Neal McEwen - Richardson, TX (Dallas)
 ***** I collect old telgraph and wireless telegraph keys *****
HomeNet - nmcewen@metronet.com - OS/2 tcp/ip SLIP
HomePage - http://fohnix.metronet.com/~nmcewen/techno_weenies.html

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: w7ni@teleport.com (Stan Griffiths)
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>
Message-ID: <199509262035.NAA08957@desiree.teleport.com>

>I didn't live in the Fifties so I can't comment on whether 75A-4s
>were regularly sold in installments. I see some old QST ads reflecting
>some ham stores with credit plans, though.

I did live in the '50s and I worked at Henry Radio in the '60s selling ham
gear at night while I worked at a Tektronix Service Center during the day.
Henry would carry their own contracts on ham equipment and we would
typically write several contracts each and every night that I worked there.
The thing I remember most about writing contracts for ham gear, is being
asked to send the monthly invoices to the address of another ham so the "xyl
would not see it". Guys would sometimes come in teams of two and have each
others invoices sent to the other's address! There were a LOT of 75A4s
bought on time . . .

Stan W7NI@teleport.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: w7ni@teleport.com (Stan Griffiths)
Subject: Re: BA Prices(Oh,No..not AGAIN!!)(;>

Message-ID: <199509262035.NAA08968@desiree.teleport.com>

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>> Steve

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>the boatload.... I've also encountered

>a local incident where an overpriced KWS-1 that I looked at appears

>to be headed that way.

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>Phil Mills, AB5TH

Electronic BAs are not the only thing the Japanese are buying. They like classic cars from the '50s and '60s too. I understand that is why my 1957 T-Bird is now valued at \$30,000+ (original 1957 price about \$3500). I paid \$13,000 for it 10 years ago. (Yes, I know that doubling your investment in 10 years is not fantastic interest, but how many investments can you have real fun with while you are making money on them? 75A4s and 1957 T-Birds are two good examples.)

The one outstanding example of a Tek BA that has skyrocketed is the type 570 Tube Curve Tracer. It was last sold by Tek in 1966 for \$1100. One went two weeks ago in a garage sale in Portland, OR for \$1000. (It was WAY over my budget. I will have to do without one in my collection, it looks like.) I have heard of prices as high as \$3000. In this case, it is the audio guys who love the 570. The demand is a lot higher than the supply. Some audio guys own several 570s. I think it is a mark of prestige among that group to have more than one.

Stan W7NI@teleport.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>

Subject: CE-220V, NC-183D, HQ-180AC FS

Message-ID: <950925164918_71333.144_DHQ115-1@CompuServe.COM>

For Sale and Wanted

CONTACT: Don Merz, N3RHT: 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

412-234-8819 (weekdays, EST or leave a message anytime).

71333.144@compuserve.com

This ad just went in to Ham Trader to run next week in case anyone's interested in this stuff.

Central Electronics 200V SSB transmitter, looks near-mint, tuning broken, untested: \$370; Matched 6550 tubes for 200V, new Phillips: \$80; National NC-183D receiver, scratched, works badly: \$185; Hammarlund HQ-180AC, looks good, needs repair: \$150. Don Merz, 47 Hazel Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. 412-234-8819 (weekdays).

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: "Barry L. Ornitz" <ornitz@eastman.com>
Subject: Chemistry Again
Message-ID: <Pine.ULT.3.91.950925200657.11424A-1000000@dua150.kpt.emn.com>

Remember everyone, I am NOT a chemist, I am an engineer! :-)

There have been lots of interesting messages lately about cleaning and polishing BA equipment. I would like to address some chemistry issues in these. Most of this information is in the archives of old posts.

To begin with, boiled linseed oil is raw linseed oil boiled with an oxidation catalyst like manganese dioxide. Linseed oil, tung oil, peanut oil, vegetable oil and even motor oil all cross-link and oxidize on exposure to air. Motor oil has anti-oxidants added as do oils for human consumption (except maybe olive oil that must be kept refrigerated). Linseed oil and tung oil are deliberately boiled with the oxidation catalysts to promote their cross linking. Fellows - this is why oil paint hardens. Letting any solvent evaporate off is necessary, of course, but it is the polymerization process that we call paint "drying". Using linseed oil over old oil-based paint does not rejuvenate the old paint; it merely adds another thin layer of new "skin" on top of the old.

Leaving rags soaked with linseed oil about is asking for trouble, but then leaving ANY oily rags about leaves you open to the possibility of spontaneous combustion. Check the archives for a much earlier post on this where I explain the reason for stating the following. Either place the oily rags in a tightly sealed container away from oxygen or hang them up to dry with plenty of air flowing around them! BTW, keep a fire extinguisher handy in the shack and the workshop. Lots of earlier posts describe which types are best.

On the use of Krylon "Clear" remember that Krylon is a trade name and that they make a number of different paints. Clear lacquer, like clear varnish, generally has a slight yellow color that darkens with age. Clear acrylic lacquer is probably the most ultraviolet light resistant coating commonly available. It dries extremely fast, is quite transparent, does not darken appreciably with age - but it has very little resistance to other chemicals. It is essentially clear acrylic

plastic dissolved in solvent(s). It does not cross-link or polymerize. Clear epoxy spray usually has a fair amount of yellow color. It does polymerize and make a tough, chemical and wear resistant coating. It does darken and does not have very much UV resistance.

With any surface coating, be sure and let the surface harden quite well before applying any waxes or other coatings. For oil-based paints and epoxies, wait at least a month or two. Waxes, polishes, and leather coatings all tend to yellow with age so pick one that can be easily removed later.

Mixed xylenes are not carcinogens by most standards. However, some grades contain up to 1% benzene which is a carcinogen. They are VERY flammable. I would tend to use milder solvents and more elbow grease when trying to remove old masking tape. The new limonene-based solvents (the so-called citrus based solvents) do a good job while being less toxic.

73, Barry L. Ornitz WA4VZQ ornitz@eastman.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: rblank@legend.txdirect.net (Richard A. Blank)

Subject: Re: Cleaning BAs

Message-ID: <9509260204.AC06445@legend>

>Here at the bank, we used to clean pc keyboards using an ultrasonic tank
>and freon. We obtained the freon in 5 gallon drums from a local chemical
>company. I even tried cleaning a desk calculator in the tank while it was
>plugged in and even ran some calculations while it was submerged.

>Unfortunately, the feds have put the clamps on freon and the tank is too
>small for your typical BA. We still use it for cleaning small things like
>our glasses and watch bands. The dirt seems to explode the instant the
>sound is turned on.

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>FYI.... Those ultrasonic transducers are available from Parts houses ie
>Newark electronics etc. I suppose one could make a big tank for BA
>cleaning. Freon sure worked great. It had no effect on plastic, rubber or
>anything electronic and apparantly is a good insulator at least for
>voltages under 110v. Seems to me like it was designated Freon TF. Some of
>you chemical buffs might know more on the subject.

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> Steve
>n41q@iglou.com

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Yep, FREON is a great cleaner and I used to buy R-11, which is probably the same as the FREON TF that you used in the ultrasonic cleaners, in 30 lbs. containers

for about \$30...of course I also ran a wholesale A/C dealership and got stuff just a little over cost...but, R-11 is one of the regulated substances now and I have no idea what it costs for that same 30 lbs today...as a frame of reference, at the same time that the R-11 was \$30, R-12 was around \$20, wholesale, now that same R-12 is \$239, wholesale.....

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Jodaanve@aol.com
Subject: Collins Audio Products?
Message-ID: <950926114534_29629134@mail02.mail.aol.com>

Gang,

I recently picked up a old broadcast radio cabinet that had been refitted with a Collins Audio Products Co. AM/FM mono tuner and a separate small audio amp. There is no identification other than what is on the slide rule dial.

It appears to be from the late 50's, possibly a kit, from the look of the hardware and modular construction. Does anyone have any information on this company? Were they a consumer division of Collins Radio?

Once my curiosity is satisfied, if anyone is interested, they can have it for the cost of shipping. My primary interest is in restoring the cabinet, which is very unusual, it looks like a small spinet piano which housed a three dial battery set and internal horn speaker.

Realize that this post is a bit on the edge, but figured that someone here would know if there was a Collins connection.

73,

Dave WB9EGZ e-mail Jodaanve@AOL.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: rocco lardiere <lardiere@netcom.com>
Subject: Re: CQ CX Awards
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9509251858.A909-0100000@netcom8>

On Sun, 24 Sep 1995, Neal McEwen wrote:

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> Hello Gang,
> I had occasion to operate in the CX QSO party Sunday evening. It was great
> fun and I encourage you to participate the next time it comes around. Going
> over my notes, I would like to present the following K5RW awards
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> Award for the oldest receiver:
> N5AIT - who was using a HQ 129-X
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> Award for most interesting setup:
> W2LYH - who was running a pair of 811s in push pull and
> N2EY - who had homebrewed a tranceiver with an 807 in the final
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> Award for I never heard of it before:
> KA3IVB - who was using an Oak Hills QRP rig
>
> Award for I used to have one of those years ago:
> AA4RM - who was using a Drake 2-B
>
> Award for trying the hardest
> KB8LW0 - who finally got the copy on the third try
>
> And finally,
> Award for the best sounding note and all around swell signal
> N6KN - whos was running a KWS-1 and 75A4, of so pretty a sound coming out
> of my headphones.
>
> Would be interested to hear your comments and see if you had as much fun as I
> did. Oh, BTW W2LYH has to be a nice guy; he was using a McElroy bug !!!
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> Thanks to all who participated
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>
> 73 de K5RW - Neal McEwen - Richardson, TX (Dallas)
> ***** I collect old telgraph and wireless telegraph keys *****
> HomeNet - nmcewen@metronet.com - OS/2 tcp/ip SLIP
> HomePage - http://fohnix.metronet.com/~nmcewen/techno_weenies.html
>
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Neal,

Gee, thanks for the comments on my signal. I spent many hours on this KWS-1, including working on one last bug Friday and Saturday before the contest. Now, as for awards, I have heard a rumor that first prize for this "classic" event is a KW-1. Did I win? Just drop me a note on where

to pick it up.

(Just think of how much activity we would get if someone did offer up a KW-1. You would hear AM heterodynes piled up 100 deep on the recommended frequencies. Maybe someone out there wants to offer up a rig as a prize.)

My impressions - lots of bugs, many keying newer rigs but unmistakable. I used my keyer because I could not dig up a keying monitor to use with my Johnson Speed-X. I called "CQ Classic" and "CQ Boatanchors" on 14280 SSB with the KWS-1 and received lots of replies. Several of them were from guys using FT 101's, TS 520's and that ilk. Well, at least those radios do have a tube or two in them. Also heard many Drake stations on the air but no S-lines.

My award for doing it the hard way - N6HCS, rock bound on 7062 with a Knight T60 and Globe Chief.

See you next year, Neal. And we should pick a twenty-meter CW frequency far, far away from the RTTY contest which covered 14060 the first hours of the contest.

73,

Rocco "Rock" Lardiere N6KN

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: KC5IJD@aol.com
Subject: Dallas Info
Message-ID: <950926151427_109454940@emout04.mail.aol.com>

Hi gang,

I will be in Dallas for a few days this week. Anyplace for a boatanchor soul to go?

Joseph W Pinner
Lafayette, LA
KC5IJD
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: ejz@nosc.mil (Edward J. Zeranski)

Subject: Re: Dallas Info

Message-ID: <9509262127.AA15760@manta.nosc.mil>

>Hi gang,

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>I will be in Dallas for a few days this week. Anyplace for a boatanchor

>soul to go?

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>Joseph W Pinner

>Lafayette, LA

>KC5IJD

>EMail: kc5ijd@aol.com

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> Tucker has a selection of BA's with display and for sale items . They're in Garland 1 block off Jupiter RD across from Esystems. Take Jupiter off 635 cross Miller RD and watch the left side. If you go past Esystems at 1200 Jupiter you've gone too far. Check the North Dallas directory. Good luck!!

>

Ed Zeranski ejz@marlin.nosc.mil, work

ezeran@powergrid.electriciti.com, home

Wooden Boats, Tube Receivers, Rusty Old Trucks, The Good Stuff!

This is a private opinion or statement and is nobody's fault but mine. No person, employer, or govt. should try to take credit for it!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: FRANCIS4@AppleLink.Apple.COM (Francis, Dexter)

Subject: Drake 80 Meter Xtal available

Message-ID: <812091714.4913245@AppleLink.Apple.COM>

Greetings BA Brothers -

I have a crystal - labeled "3928.750 KC"; "INSPECT T.O 12-1-19 4/59" and "CR-19/U CAIJ" which appears to be NOS.

It is packaged in a round, clear plastic holder with a snap on flexible lid, marked: "Flexeel T.M. Miamisburg OHIO. U.S.A. Buckeye Molding CO."

While I'm not 100% sure, I suspect that this would be very happy in a 2, 3 or 4 Series Drake, and will be happy to send it to anyone willing to cover the cost of packaging and postage (\$3 or so).

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: FRANCIS4@AppleLink.Apple.COM (Francis, Dexter)
Subject: Easy terms....
Message-ID: <812140269.0320780@AppleLink.Apple.COM>

Andy sez:

"I didn't live in the Fifties so I can't comment on whether 75A-4s were regularly sold in installments."

According to my handy September 1958 QST - There were a few stores that took trades, Henry Radio, Burghardt Radio Supply, Fort Orange Radio Distributors, and Radio Product Sales, all said they took trades, cash and "terms" Harrison would sell you a KWM-1 for \$39 a month, a KWS-1 for \$79 a month - although they don't say for how long and don't show a list price for the KW's....

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: HAMRLUND@aol.com
Subject: for sale as a group
Message-ID: <950926110109_29606832@mail06.mail.aol.com>

still haven't seen this post come thru..i posted this lastnite at 8:30 pm..AOL's mail system stinks..wish i could find one those flat rate providers..

I have for sale the following Collins, sales catalogs, Sams & manuals:

FEB. 1961 SALES CATALOG
DEC. 1974 SALES CATALOG
DEC. 1975 SALES CATALOG

SAMS PHOTOFACTS
51J-3
75A-1
75A-1
75A-2

MANUALS

75A-1 (COPY) MAY 10, 1949
75A-2 SEP. 26, 1951
75A-3 APR. 15, 1954
75A-4 MAR. 15, 1957

ROUND EMBLEM

32S-1 NOV. 15, 1961
75S-3B & 75S-3C FEB. 15, 1968

WINGED EMBLEM

51S-1/1A/1F/1AF/1B JUNE 1 1967
32S-1 FEB. 15, 1960
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CONTACT: Robert Fowle.....Hamrlund@aol.com

Ph.517-789-6721.....

1215 Winifred....Jackson, Mich. 49202-1946

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---|---|---> the Hammarlund guy
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: "James C. Owen, III" <owen@apollo.eeel.nist.gov>
Subject: Hammarlund PRO-310
Message-ID: <47895.owen@apollo.eeel.nist.gov>

The person/persons looking for a PRO-310 please send me an E-mail. I may have a lead on one. 73 Jim K4CGY

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Al Klase <alklase@village.ios.com>
Subject: Re: ID-263/U: Can anyone ID this?
Message-ID: <Pine.BSD.3.91.950926131437.14469A-1000000@village.ios.com>

The ID-263/U is a hand-held, self-contained RF indicator. I have one as part of my Navy AN/USM-38 Test-tool set. This 9x9x7 inch box contains an amazing array of tools and test equipment that I imagine was issued to radiomen on small vessels to give them a fighting chance at maintaining their equipment. In addition to the ID-263, the set contains an ID-265/U AC/DC voltage probe, an ID-264/U ohmmeter, and an SG-23/U buzzer-type signal injector. All of these are the same general size as the 263. In addition to a complete set of hand tools, there's soldering equipment, and a TV-4 tube tester. There is also some sort of multimeter that is missing from my set.

I'd be very interested in getting a manual for the USM-38 or hearing from anyone who actually used one. It a really neat setup!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Al Klase <alklase@village.ios.com>
Subject: Re: ID-263/U: Can anyone ID this?
Message-ID: <Pine.BSD.3.91.950926134626.22055A-1000000@village.ios.com>

A correction to my recent post: Test-tool set is designated AN/USM-3A not USM-38. (Dislexia strikes every 15 seconds!)

73, Al - N3FRQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: KS0F@aol.com
Subject: K5RW note BA on credit
Message-ID: <950926163857_29801928@emout06.mail.aol.com>

Greetings All,

In 59 my folks signed for me to buy a brand new HQ-100 from Walter Ashe Radio at 1125 Pine St. in downtown St. Louis, Mo. I

was hustling groceries for the corner store after school and on Saturdays. All my earnings went to radio stuff. I was still in grade school (8th grade) at the time. K5RW's post brought back memories of my first "real receiver" bought the "American way"

Back then after I bagged your groceries (paper only) and put them into a grocery cart, I went home with you. 3, 4, 6 city blocks or whatever and carried them into your house and sat them on the kitchen table. Usually got a dime tip and ran back to the store pushing the empty cart with my white butchers apron flapping in the breeze. I worked 10 or 12 hour days on the weekend sometimes. Now illegal I think and maybe back then too, I was 13. The need for radio parts was strong and work was welcome. One Christmas eve I took in over 100 dollars in tips! The Hammarlund got paid off rather quickly!

The following year a young girl named Judy moved in next door. Parts purchases kinda slowed after that, but you know the rest of the story.

God, I just realized, I'm gettin old.

73 de KS0F Mike

P.S. It was cold in my little attic shack in the winter back then. I used to lay my hands on top the HQ100 and the Knight T50 while the other guy was sending to keep them warm and ready for my turn to send. Life was good.....

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: Simon Buxton <sbuxton@ccf.health.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Military Radio Museum in VK

Message-ID: <Pine.PMDF.3.91.950926170846.549460914A-100000@health.nsw.gov.au>

Hi gang,

If any of you are ever here in Sydney, you may be interested in the following details of the Castle Hill Military Radio Collection owned by Ian O'Toole, who asked me to post this.

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CASTLE HILL MILITARY RADIO COLLECTION

This is a private collection assembled by Ian O'Toole, VK2ZIO, over many years. The collection is being continually enlarged as additional equipment is procured.

The aim of the collection is to preserve military radio equipment and display it in a museum for all to see. Unlike

normal museums, the aim is to have the majority of receivers operational so that visitors are able to experience the feel of the equipment from previous eras.

If you can help by providing equipment, handbooks or information on the whereabouts of the same or by passing on the information to those who wish to dispose of equipment etc., your co-operation would be much appreciated.

Information, if available, is provided for other enthusiasts if required. Please don't hesitate to ask.

The collection contains Australian, British and U.S. equipment from all three services as well as some gear from other government sources.

Ian can be contacted by phone on (02) 680-2112 or in writing to

222 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill, NSW 2154, Australia

This address is about 10 miles NW of Sydney City centre. He cannot be contacted via Internet or packet radio.

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If necessary I am able to pass on any messages to Ian.

Simon Buxton VK2EII Sydney, Australia
E-mail : sbuxton@ccf.health.nsw.gov.au Compuserve :100352,1612

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: fgilmore@woodtech.com
Subject: Re: NATIONAL PW DIAL
Message-ID: <199509260448.AA25498@relay.interserv.com>

On Thu, 21 Sep 1995, N4HUR@aol.com wrote:

>DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY SECRETS ON HOW TO MAKE THESE DIALS OPERATE SMOOTHLY. I
>HAVE TWO AND BOTH ARE FAIRLY SMOOTH BUT EXHIBIT A SMALL AMOUNT OF JERKYNESSE.
> THE COMPONENTS ARE ALL IN GOOD CONDITION, AND THE CASES ARE FULL OF AXLE
>GREASE. I BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE THRUST WASHER FOR THE WORM

>GEAR SEEMS LIKE THE SPRING WINDS UP UNTILL IT DEVELOPS ENOUGH TORQUE TO BREAK
>THE THRUST WASHER LOOSE AND THE THING JUMPS FORWARD A SMALL AMOUNT. ANYONE
>HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE?

>

>BOB N4HUR@AOL.COM

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Had to tear down numerous PW dials on the service bench. I soaked them in mild detergent.....used an old tooth brush on the gear teeth, and then applied liberal amounts of old GC white silicon lube. When reassembled they were quite smooth....except if they had badly worn teeth or even a broken one. I could, at that time, get parts from National since I ran one of their service centers and wish I had stocked up. I have one new PW0 assembly buried in it's original box somewhere that jogs my memory every once in a while to do something with it.

73,

Frank K0JPJ ex-W5PVX ...-.-

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995

From: jmartin@hrlban1.aircrew.asu.edu

Subject: Navy "Type A Cell" ?

Message-ID: <SA39+KX,0ka@hrlban1.alhra.af.mil>

BA'ites,

I have two NOS mystery tubes, boxes labeled "U S Navy Type A Cell" contract no. NOBS 20809. No date, but I'm guessing 1940s. These are a UX 4-pin type, with a metal body starting out at the appropriate UX diameter at the base but then necking inward to meet the glass envelope which is around 0.75" dia by 2.5" long. The inside of the glass is metal coated all around like a very heavy getter, except for a narrow window on one side, and one can see a very fine pattern of interlaced lines (electrode structure?) laid down in the metal 'target' surface opposite the window. It's fairly obvious these are photoelectric in nature, but does anyone have any data on them (i.e., spectral response, operating potentials, original application, etc.)?

73, John Martin

jmartin@hrlban1.aircrew.asu.edu

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: berg stephen erik <z931086@oats.farm.niu.edu>

Subject: NC-300 question

Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.950925223413.3333B-100000@oats>

Hi there,

I was playing around with my NC-300 this weekend, and began wondering about the difference between it and the NC-303. What are the differences between these two? I have never seen another NCV-300, and have never had any contact with the NC-303 except in catalogs and ads. Can anyone help me out on this?

73,

Steve

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: KS0F@aol.com
Subject: Re: NC-300 question
Message-ID: <950926100425_109251601@mail02.mail.aol.com>

I have had several NC-300's over time and have loved them all. I do not have personal experience with the 303 but believe it is an update of the 300 to include agc for SSB. The repair tips and mods (all can be undone) in ER mostly by Dennis Petrich K0E00/6 will make a good SSB receiver out of the NC300. They will not affect the good AM performance of the RX either. I am very pleased with the overall performance of mine since a few repairs and the above mods. Full rf gain SSB reception is smooth and audio is good. AM is still excellent.
73 de KS0F

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: wlfuqu00@service1.uky.edu (Bill Fuqua)
Subject: NEED Heathkit HO-5404 manual
Message-ID: <199509261157.HAA14020@service1.cc.uky.edu>

I still need a manual for the HO-5404 Station monitor with panadaptor.

Can anyone HELP!!!!

TNX

73

Bill ko4ww (was wa4lav years ago)

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Phone (606) 257-4155

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Michael.J.Knudsen@att.com
Subject: Re: Octal socket test adaptor
Message-ID: <9509251813.AA05900@bock.ih.att.com>

I'd like to buy one of those too.
Also one for 4-prng tubes, like the 2A3.

As a kid I remember seeing ads for a fancy version that let you break
the circuit of any pin between the socket and the tube,
so you could take current measurements. That's the kind I'd like to get.
73, mike k w9nrd

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: KC5IJD@aol.com
Subject: Re: Octal socket test adaptor
Message-ID: <950926082900_109196539@mail06.mail.aol.com>

>As a kid I remember seeing ads for a fancy version that let you break
>the circuit of any pin between the socket and the tube,
>so you could take current measurements.

Yes, they are great. I have a set of them (picked them up at a hamfest
for \$ 1.50) BUT do not have the special probe used with them.

Anyone got that probe????

Joseph W Pinner
Lafayette, LA
KC5IJD
EMail: kc5ijd@aol.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Duncan Cadd <dcadd@luc.ac.be>
Subject: octal test adaptor
Message-ID: <9509261125.AA28499@alpha.luc.ac.be>

Greetings, from a wet and windy Diepenbeek in N.E. Belgium!

If the worst comes to the worst, you can always mount an octal socket piggyback on an octal plug with eg 12ga wire, leaving enough free to get a test prod on it. Cheap, but serviceable.

73,

Duncan ON9CHU / GOUTY G-QRP 8117

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: Neal McEwen <nmcewen@metronet.com>

Subject: Re: Old Bugs

Message-ID: <199509260123.AA12604@metronet.com>

> Well, at the Greyslake fest N. of CHicago yesterday, someone had 3 bugs on
> the table -- two for \$100 and one for \$200. Nothing special so far as I
> could tell, and not gleaming shiny clean either. Didn't try to dicker
> on prices, as I already have a Japanese cheapie that works, and I'm into key
> collecting -- yet. I keep hearing that a plain jane working bug is only worth >
\$50, but darned if I've seen any that cheap of American make.

Oh my ! The price of bugs and keys. You don't know how many times I've addressed this issue over the past 15 years.

There are no established dealers of such items, so there are no fixed prices or prices of record. A few professional writers have put a few words on paper, but I doubt that they are really in touch. It all boils down to whatever makes the buyer and the seller happy !! I've left alone a lot of keys and bugs because I thought the price was too high. More often than not, I find what I am / was looking for later for a reasonable price or a bargain price. There are lots of holes in my collection, but I am also rational about it. After all it is a hobby.

Now having said all that, I would say that a 100 bux is mighty high for a garden variety bug. 200 bux for a bug and it better be the one and only bug that Horace G. Martin had the Pope bless ! There are a few rarer models that could fetch that price or better, however. For a garden variety bug, I would say \$35-50 would be a fair price for both the buyer and the seller. I'll probably be roasted for going on record and stating this fair price !

But, as I stated above, THE PRICE IS WHATEVER MAKES THE BUYER AND THE SELLER HAPPY.

-- 73 de K5RW - Neal McEwen - Richardson, TX (Dallas)

***** I collect old telegraph and wireless telegraph keys *****

HomeNet - nmcewen@metronet.com - OS/2 tcp/ip SLIP

HomePage - http://fohnix.metronet.com/~nmcewen/techno_weenies.html

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Andy Wallace <wallace@mc.com>
Subject: Re: Old Bugs
Message-ID: <9509260349.AA07225@kali>

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From: Bill Standerfer <bills@hpsilwes.lvld.hp.com>
Subject: Old Bugs

At yesterday's Boulder (Colorado) swapfest there was an old Vibroplex bug there for \$40. It was certainly servicable and would probably restore pretty well, although not to mint by any means.

Yeah, I know it isn't much money either way, but the guy made me a little mad with his rude attitude when I made an offer.

----- End Included Message -----

Well, Bill, we have talked about this on the BA list off-and-on for a while now. I guess it's easy to encounter people like this. I say, let him take it home again.

A key "collector" might buy a bug in rough shape because it fills a gap in the collection. Personally, I like things to look nice on the operating bench. So when I went to a few hamfests and saw similarly beat looking old bugs for high prices (including "lesser" name ones), I decided to plunk down \$110 for a new Original Deluxe. The black finish Standard is only \$10 less and I love chrome anyway. (grin) I would guess that the new Vibroplexes built Dahn Sahth in Alabama are the highest quality ever. And unfortunately, I also think the days of finding an old bug for \$20 are probably over. If you're set on getting an old bug, the best bet would be to seek out a collector, who might sell off one in the lower "end" of his collection as he buys cleaner/better ones. But as for myself, I knew I just wanted "one bug" and now I have one in beautiful shape that I can perhaps pass on to someone many years down the line.

--Andy
wallace@mc.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: pbock@melpar.esys.com (Paul H. Bock)
Subject: Re: Old Bugs
Message-ID: <9509261431.AA02814@syseng1.se.melpar.esys.com>

>I keep hearing that a plain jane working bug is only worth
> \$50, but darned if I've seen any that cheap of American make.
>73, mike k w9nrd

Here's some advice from a relative newcomer to collecting:

- 1) Learn something about the various models, designs, etc., before you go out to buy. Otherwise, you may pay too much (or pass up a real steal!). A bug which "isn't very clean" and "doesn't look like anything special" may in fact be a hard-to-find model, whereas a spiffy, shiny item may in fact be commonplace. The value depends on much more than just looks.
- 2) If you just want to buy a standard Vibroplex to use, buy from a collector *unless* you're educated enough about old bugs to know what the going rate is. A collector may have a number of the more common models picked up when an entire collection is purchased from an estate, and usually will sell these off at reasonable prices (i.e., around \$65-\$100).

Here are typical prices I've paid during the past 6 months for Vibroplex bugs:

1925 Original, japanned base, fair/good condition, \$75.00
(bought from an individual).

1937 Lightning Bug, black wrinkle base, VGC, \$75.00
(bought from a collector)

1944 Lightning Bug, black wrinkle base, G/VGC, traded for
used Astron RS-20A power supply (individual)

1958 Champion, gray base, VGC, \$65.00
(bought from a collector)

1961 Blue Racer, gray base, Mint/New condition, \$175.00
(bought from an individual)

Within the past few weeks, Randy Cole, KN6W, posted a list of keys and bugs for sale by Tony Rogozinski in AZ. There were several Vibroplex bugs in the \$75.00-\$100.00 category.

If you want a bug to use for the long term but don't want

the hassle of searching for one at hamfests, etc., you're probably better off buying a new one from Mitch, WA4OSR. That way you know what you're getting, it's better built than most any old one, and you get a warranty.

73,

Paul, K4MSG

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Neal McEwen <nmcewen@metronet.com>
Subject: Re: Old Bugs
Message-ID: <199509261731.AA08237@metronet.com>

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> the table -- two for \$100 and one for \$200. Nothing special so far as I
> could tell, and not gleaming shiny clean either. Didn't try to dicker
> on prices, as I already have a Japanese cheapie that works, and I'm into key
> collecting -- yet. I keep hearing that a plain jane working bug is only worth
> \$50, but darned if I've seen any that cheap of American make.

Let me add a little more. I think that part of the problem of high prices is lack of knowledge of bugs by the sellers. Perhaps they hear of a bug being sold for big bux. Then they assume that ALL bugs will command that price and mark up their inventory accordingly. The seller may not be able to distinguish between a garden variety bug and a very collectable bug.

See Paul's advice --- Good words of wisdom.

If you just want one bug to go with your BAs, then you should be able to find one at a decent price. Leave those with a mega-buck price tag to the guys with more money than rationale or to the collector that will know if it is worth the price.

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73 de K5RW - Neal McEwen - Richardson, TX (Dallas)
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Sandra L Knepper <slkst29+@pitt.edu>
Subject: Re: Panel Refinishing
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9509261618.B12856-01000000@unixs5.cis.pitt.edu>

> I have just received my two front panels - one for my Johnson Ranger I and
> the other for my Ranger II, that were refinished by FINISHING TOUCHES, a
> firm in Sugar Land, Texas. The owner, Ron, AB5WG, is now taking orders
> for Heathkit panel and cabinet refinishing. My Ranger panels were better
> than original. Once reinstalled they increase the value of my Rangers
> not to mention how original the rigs look. Ron has told me that he is
> going to restore Collins front panels and cabinets with the new process
> of using powder coatings. Give Ron a call at (713) 491-7823 after 6 PM CDST.
>
> Dave, W3BJZ
>

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Fire Bottle archive handler <firebotl@jackatak.theporch.com>
Subject: Problems???
Message-ID: <9509260903.aa06322@jackatak.theporch.com>

Gang-

Pardon the noise... but something I need to remind everyone about:

Joseph, KC5IJD reminded me, and I don't think he will mind a response
to the list...

> I seem to have some troubles and I think that it may be AOL that is
> the problem. Recently, I have posted a number of messages. They all
> seem to get to boatanchors (I have checked the local packet which also
> receives boatanchors and they have them).

OK. Here is the "scoop"...

ALL the providers, the "Big Boys" (Compu\$erve, AOL, Netcom) are
experiencing problems, as are the little guys... mail is no longer
quite as reliable as it once was...

The cause? Probably the HUGE surge in WWW usage, and all the people
who have rushed out to buy 28.8 modems so they can "talk" with people
through their computer... That Boys and Girls, takes a *HUGE* amount
of bandwidth, and results in the entire InterNet (USA version)
becoming far less stable as the meteoric growth continues.

AOL, Compu\$erve, Netcom, and many others have been unreachable and
even "Host Unknown" *regularly*... I have been getting upwards of 200
error messages daily for mail that can not be delivered. Even the

army.mil is having serious problems...

I suppose this is progress, but it certainly is reality today.

The real key is, PLEASE do *NOT* repost something, just because you haven't seen it in your mailbox! It more than likely went through just fine, and your provider is having problems. To repost is to clog things up everywhere EVEN WORSE! So, have a heart and DO NOT REPOST just because it hasn't showed up yet. (Violators will be dealt with harshly... ;^)

> However, I only seem to receive every other one or so. Are you having
> trouble with AOL accepting my mail?

I am having trouble with sites EVERYWHERE accepting mail... isn't progress wonderful? (NOT! ;^)

> I have a friend of tried to EMail me recently, and he said the mail
> was returned.

Common problem. Try NOT to make it worse by reposting...

And, just so you'll know: there have been a couple important admin posts that I have sent out, that made the digest, but which bounced from *hundreds* of sites... and I chose *NOT* to resend... so I live by this sword as well. Just do NOT repost because you don't get a copy, and we can all be happy... ;^)

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73

Jack, W4PPT/Mobile (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657/#1789 -- both all mobile! ;^)

- - - BoatAnchor Mailing List Archiver/Owner - - -

firebot1@jackatak.theporch.com ---- listown@jackatak.theporch.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: Andy Wallace <wallace@mc.com>

Subject: R-392 lubing (and its brethren)

Message-ID: <9509260547.AA07331@kali>

Question, all: what's the best lube to use for your R-392 geartrain, and what's the best way to do it properly. No, please no suggestions to forward my unit to Tobyahanna depot.

The manual says to use MIL-blivot stuff here and there and what it comes down to is oil the rollers and grease the other stuff.

I just got some teflon gel lube at Radio Shack that looks like it might do. Will it? And what weight oil would be good for the cams and guides?

There's isn't a lot of hardened grease on my set, and I'd like to avoid stripping the geartrain down if possible.

--Andy
wallace@mc.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: PEMS_ST_DK@noeca.ohio.gov
Subject: Radios in the attic
Message-ID: <01HVQ0X9HUMQ8WX392@noeca.ohio.gov>

In 1962 I had a Ranger I and HQ-170 (withaclock!). I also had a dipole up 23 feet (Still have pictures of the wooden mast I built using plans from ARRL antenna book). I was 14, on 40 in Sweepstakes pumping out a good 50 watts of class C and happy go lucky. My mom would bring a cup of cocoa and set it over the final in the Ranger and I would smile as the steam rose to the uninsulated rafters in the attic. I wore an old indian blanket with a hole it it poncho style and operated till my fingers couldnt work the old straight key. Then Id go downstairs and regale all with the tales of statins worked.

I'm getting old but the memory is crystal clear and it has KIL0cycles in it !!!

Long live BA.
Now I just need a Ranger I to go with the HQ-170 !

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Allen Jones <ajones@niiia.net>
Subject: RCA Ham Tips
Message-ID: <199509261940.0AA24645@silver.niia.net>

I have a collection of RCA Ham Tips starting with the first issue published in 1938 (Vol. 1 No. 1) through the latter part of 1950. Publication was suspended during WW II and resumed again in 1946.

All the issues are in very good condition. They are 3-hole punched and have been kept in a binder.

Offers?

73 . . . Allen - K9DZE
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Allen Jones K9DZE ajones@niia.net
Michigan City, Indiana EN61nq
ARCI #8797 G-QRP #8812 NorCal #1061
SWOT #1368 SMIRK #5403
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: BRICKEY_PETER@Tandem.COM
Subject: Shack cleaning an addition
Message-ID: <199509260859.AA27449@gateway.cpd.tandem.com>

Hi;

I was doing some more cleaning last nite and found another BA that I know I will not have time to get to, so--

1) Hallicrafters SX-11	Very nice condition, front panel is perfect. Missing the Xtal (plugs into an octal socket) and does not have a cabinet.	\$145.00
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I have a manual (copy) for it along with some other info.

The above price does not cover shipping or packing from Los Gatos, Ca (ZIP 95030). I can be reached at 408-353-1925 after 5pm PDT or at 408-285-0713 (work).

73's Peter KD6KDR

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Gary Pewitt <gpewitt@execpc.com>
Subject: Re: Telechron Clock Help - HQ180
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.950925200814.8632A-100000@earth>

Randy,

Try your local electric motor rebuilder, They rewind motors of all sizes. Let your fingers do the walking.

73 de Gary N9ZSV

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: rblank@legend.txdirect.net (Richard A. Blank)
Subject: Ten-Tec PM-2

Message-ID: <9509260205.AD06445@legend>

I know some of you folks are QRP'ers, and I am looking for info on getting the QRP list info...I had it once, but, that was a while back.

The reason I need that is that I picked up a PM-2 at a recent swap fest. " Yessir, that's a 2-meter radio transmitter, there, yessir a real good rig...I'll let you have it for \$2.00"...needless to say, it followed me home.

Any other PM-2 owners out there? This one has no output, has no manual, has a very weak receive, etc., but the parts count is minimal so service should be real easy....

CUL

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rblank@txdirect.net

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Jack Taylor <n7oo@hereford.ampr.org>
Subject: There they go!
Message-ID: <199509260158.UAA29091@uro.theporch.com>

At 08:11 PM 9/25/95 -0500, Phil Mills wrote:

>>I just had a conversation with the lady at "Sound Impressions", the
>>outfit that is selling that Collins pocket manual, She says that
>>Japanese investors are buying our BA's by the boat load.

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>> Steve

>>n4lq@iglou.com

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>Steve, I suspect that it is Japanese hams buying the Collins gear by
>the boatload....there was a mention in a CQ article a couple of months
>ago about an outfit in NY that had 75A-4's "stacked to the ceiling"
>and they were shipping a lot of stuff to Japan. I've also encountered
>a local incident where an overpriced KWS-1 that I looked at appears
>to be headed that way.

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>thanks,

>Phil Mills, AB5TH

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I can just picture in my mind convoys of freighters out of Seattle, low in the water, towing strings of container barges full of BA's heading NNW!

73 de Jack

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: Brien Pepperdine <pepperb@gov.on.ca>
Subject: Tight, stiff TR4C tuning (PTO) knob
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.90.950926125735.8457A-100000@govonca2>

I am asking a question on behalf of a ham in my club who bought a very nice TR4C /vfo / MN combo. He got it at a nice price, in very nice shape, nice deal given the vfo and Drake matching network; anyhow...

The only thing is he feels the main tuning knob is a bit stiff to turn; really cannot be turned with the finger-hole, but can be with the knob edges.

Of course he can use the external vfo in T/R for now etc. but I did want to ask the List about lubricating the PTO. Anyone out there have experience with the pto (rebuilding, cleaning or lube job)? I think the fellow should know

where and what he should be lubricating (bearing, gears, shafts) and lubricating with what.

I thought maybe he might contact Drake and see if he can get an exploded diagram of the pto, illustrating lube points, as well as maybe any possible worn parts if available. I did the pto on my TenTec OMNI a while back, and it was lubed in a number of spots (esp. where the main shaft came in and became vernier turning).

Anyhow, thanks for any advice etc. available. I think he can be happy for a while using the knob as is, or the external vfo, but it should probably be lubed soon given the possibility of some low-lubrication or dried lubricant in a few spots of friction-bearing surfaces.

Brien
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: HAMRLUND@aol.com
Subject: TRADE LIST REVISED
Message-ID: <950925224754_108844423@emout06.mail.aol.com>

REVISED 9-25-95 PM
PLEASE excuse this if it is a duplicate post, as i never seen the first post come back thru.....

The following is a list of items I want to TRADE off...what do you have to trade?

at the end is a list of some things i'm looking for..but you never know with me...don't assume, tell me what you have. I'm just in that ..Gotta have something different mood.....

KENT - MOORE
high impedance DMM J-29125

RCA
Voltohmist WV-77E

CESCO
ReflectOmeter..75ohm standing wave..New in Box....

VARIAC - MILITARY
have a model PN-13B power control panel. It has on the face: 1 indicator light, 1 on/off toggle, (1) 0-300 vac meter, and the steeringwheel type handle (with lock) to a 9 Amp variac.
this thing came out of a BC-640-B, transmitter. its heavy.
panel dimensions are : rack style, 19" W x 9" T.
it will handle 117 / 220 VAC, as designed.

the following Ten-tec & Ameco are New Old Stock
TEN-TEC 2/ 1150 SURGE PROTECTORS
1/ 241 CRYSTAL OSCILLATOR
1/ 679 keyer (internal) for Century 22

AMECO: 1/ PS-1 POWER SUPPLY
2/ PS-2 POWER SUPPLY
1/ CLB CONVERTER
1/ AC-2 FOR THE POWER MITE SERIES

MFJ - 300 watt dummy load

Hammarlund HFM-30 2M xceiver
3 Hammarlund FM-50's 2M xceivers

OHM-SPUN 1500 WATT AM BROADCAST DUMMY LOAD
HAS MULTI-TAPS FOR LOADING & COOLING FAN

THE FOLLOWING EIMAC ITEMS ARE NEW OLD STOCK

EIMAC - HEAT DISSIPATING CONNECTOR'S

1 / HR-1

6 / HR-2

1 / HR-3

2 / HR-5

1 / HR-6

4 / HR-7

1/ EICO ROLL TUBE CHART FOR THE 625 / NEW OLD STOCK

1/ NEW IN BOX, JAN 3AP1 TUBE

2/ B&W TURNS COUNTERS

i have (& have no need for) a Dentron HF-ACS power supply. this is the unit made for the Dentron HF-200 transciever. the supply has a bulit in phone jack, speaker, on-off toggle, and led on lite. it has the pull down stand under it. this unit is serial # 12

it's also new old stock. Trade for ????

I also have a TV-600 morrow power supply New old stock. this was for the Morrow MB-565 or MB-6. will Trade for ????

anybody have an interest in either??

BUD CABINET: CUBE 17.5" H x 19.75" D / SAME ON BACKSIDE

GREY IN COLOR..LITE WEIGHT ...AS NEW

HEATH DX-100 CABINET, NO HOLES, HAS SOME PAINT DRIBBLE

GELOSO..WOODEN SHIPPING CRATE..NAME & LOGO IN COLOR

ON BOTH SIDES..ALL TAGS & MARKINGS ..AS NEW..GREAT

CONVERSATION PIECE....ORIGINALLY CONTAINED A " G-212 "

PLUG IN AIRINDUCTORS...EFJ, BUD, B&W, APPROX. 70-75 N.I.B.

TRADE AS LOT ONLY...SOME LINK ARMS, SOME LING COILS...

2/ DIXSON LITED VU METERS, 2.75" x 4" IN BOXES

1/ NEW TRIPLET 3"x3.5" 0-100 DC MA METER

6/ 1616 TUBES UNTESTED

4/ 866A TUBES UNTESTED

2/ 826 JAN TUBES N.I.B.

1/ 812 UNTESTED

2/ JAN 2E22 UNTESTED

1/ JAN 3B29W UNTESTED

1/ JAN CADK 6130 APPEARS NEW

2/ 816 UNTESTED

2/ JAN CNU 7193 UNTESTED

4/ 2E26 UNTESTED

1/ EDISON MODEL 501 DELAY RELAY

1/ 3B24W UNTESTED

1/ 3B24WA UNTESTED
1/ USAF 7403 UNTESTED
1/ USN 801A UNTESTED
1/ VT-25 UNTESTED
6AS7 TESTED
6080 TESTED
IF YOUR INTERESTED IN ANY TUBES NOT TESTED, I WILL TEST THEM.

***** END *****

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---|---|---> the Hammarlund guy
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I'm looking for anything by HAMMARLUND:

literature -----> spec sheets, sales flyers, sales catalogs
parts -----> new & used, old dealer inventories, parts units
equipment -----> dead or alive
accessories ----> speakers, clocks, xtals, xtal boxes, anything
files -----> from: factory, service stations, authorized dealers
manuals -----> factory or military

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995

From: Sean McCarthy <wx81@vtc.tacom.army.mil>

Subject: Trade Sounder for bug?

Message-ID: <01BA8B8F.CB652E60@wx81.tacom.army.mil>

Hi all, seeing all the bug talk lately prompts me to ask:

Would anyone be interested in a bug for sounder trade, seems I have
a line on several sounders, and would like a bug. I'm not looking for anything
exotic or old in a bug, just clean and functional (oh, and american made).
If this is a possibility let me know and I'll get more information on the
sounders.

Thanks,
Sean

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: w7ni@teleport.com (Stan Griffiths)
Subject: Re: TU75B Schematic
Message-ID: <199509262035.NAA08918@desiree.teleport.com>

>>I have found a copy of the TU75B ballast test set that Tektronix used in
>>production to bring new scopes up slowly in case they were wired with a
>>devastating short circuit.

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>>Stan Griffiths, W7NI

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>STAN,

It has been suggested by others that a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope (SASE) and \$1.00 would be reasonable to cover my efforts. It's more than fair from my point of view and it makes it easy for me since I don't have to mess with addressing envelopes.

Stan W7NI@teleport.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Michael.J.Knudsen@att.com
Subject: Re: What's a Bradleyohm?
Message-ID: <9509252115.AA06086@bock.ih.att.com>

Another place you see carbon compression rheostats is on the battery-eliminator power supplies made in the mid-'20s that let you run your radio from the AC power instead of A and/or B batteries. Many of these black boxes had a compression 'stat to fine-tune the varioud B voltages, and maybe the A filament as well.

When new tube types made AC-powered radios possible in 1927, makers of these eliminators faced an evolutionary crisis. Most tried their hand at making complete radios. Majestic, Philco, and Galvin made out pretty well, tho the

latter got into car radios, and named themselves "motor-car radiola" or something like that :-) 73, mike k

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: rowlands@magma.com (Mike Rowlands)
Subject: WTB R-4C AM filter
Message-ID: <v01530500ac8dc859ab51@[204.191.36.142]>

Dear BA's:

My otherwise excellent R-4C came to me without an AM filter & Drake say they have sold their last one. Does anyone have a 6kHz filter or have any ideas on where I could get one at a realistic price?

Mike - VA3MR
rowlands@magma.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 18:44:00 1995
From: thaake@bsm2ee1.attmail.com (thaake)
Subject: WTB: Gonset Sidewinder
Message-ID: <PMX-TERM-2.02-bsm2ee1-thaake-150>

Anchorites,

Want to Buy:

Gonset 6 Meter Sidewinder
(dead or alive)

For Sale:

Gonset G-50 \$85 plus shipping
With copy manual, works great, fair condition

Gonset "Airport Communicator" (123.0) \$25 plus shipping
Looks good, weak receive

Narco "Escort 110" NavCom \$25 plus shipping
Works good, broken plastic face plate

Narco MK-5 with VOA-3 head, power supply, manual

Works great \$25 plus shipping

NOTE: The aircraft radios are leftovers from a tube monument I built for my local airport. I have various MK-12 parts and a Collins Nav generator and RF signal generator available if anyone is interested.

Tim WA0TSY
thaake@bsm2ee1.attmail.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Tue Sep 26 04:13:00 1995
From: Steve Pazar <pazar@sr.hp.com>
Subject: WTB:E.F. Johnson Directional Coupler
Message-ID: <199509260055.AA094176929@zarco.sr.hp.com>

Gents,
A friend of mine is looking for the directional coupler for an E.F. Johnson 275 watt matchbox. These were sold as an optional extra. These were meant to be used outboard. He is not looking for the internal board, but the external unit that is housed in a cylindrical can. E-mail me, and I'll get the message to him.

Thanks!

* STEVE PAZAR DoD #702 Kawasaki KZ440A
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* Ether: WA4DUT/6
* Stupid is forever, ignorance can be fixed...
